[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

Male Doctor in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

10. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that, with a view to the administration of the Quilon Victoria Hospital for Women being solely conducted by women, that institution had been separated from the Quilon District Hospital, even at the time when Dr. Lakshmanan was in charge of the latter institution?

(*b*) Are the Government aware of the fact that at present a young man has been appointed as Second Assistant in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon?

(*c*) Are the Government aware of the fact that the appointment of a young man in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, which is intended for women and administered by women, will cause much inconvenience to women?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to immediately cancel this appointment and entertain a lady doctor?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) This institution has not been constituted as a *gosha* hospital, but in view of the fact that it is an institution for women and children, women are appointed as members of the staff as far as possible.

(*b*) Yes. On account of the paucity of qualified women.

(*c*) No complaint on this score has been received.

(*d*) The male member of the staff will be replaced by a woman when a qualified woman becomes available.

Facilities for Specialists in the Medical Department.

11. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether facilities have been given for the treatment of diseases to those who have come out as "specialists" in the Medical Department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Officers of the Department who have taken special courses in particular branches of medicine or surgery cannot be called "specialists" in those branches, in the sense in which that word is understood in the medical profession. Nor would it be possible always or desirable to confine the work of such officers to those particular branches of medicine or surgery in which they have taken a special course. Government have been giving all possible facilities to their officers in the discharge of their duties.

Out-patient Department, General Hospital.

12. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names, examination qualifications and length of service of the doctors who prescribed medicines in the out-patient department during

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the time when Dr. K. Raman Tampi was in charge of the General Hospital, and also of those who do that work there now?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information * required is laid on the table.

Training of Nurses.

13. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of institutions in the Medical Department for the training of nurses?

(*b*) How many were trained as nurses during the last five years?

(*c*) How many of them have been appointed as nurses in hospitals?

(*d*) How many are without employment?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nurses receive their training in the General Hospital and the Women and Children's Hospital. Four Indian Nursing Sisters were trained in the District Hospital, Kottayam, also, before Nursing Classes were opened in Trivandrum.

(*b*) Seventeen nurses have been trained during the last five years.

(*c*) Four Indian Nursing Sisters have been appointed to the Kottayam District Hospital, while the remaining thirteen have been posted to the General Hospital.

(*d*) None.

Appointment of Nurses.

14. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of hospitals where nurses have not been appointed?

(*b*) Who do the work of nurses in these hospitals at present?

(*c*) Are the menial servants made to do the work of nurses in hospitals where there are no nurses? If so, are Government aware of the fact that this practice is highly dangerous to the patients?

(*d*) Do the Government contemplate appointing nurses in all the hospitals?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Nurses have not been appointed in 22 hospitals.

(*b*) Midwives, who are also trained in sick nursing, assisted by warders.

(*c*) Menials are not permitted to do nursing in any hospital.

(*d*) Government have sanctioned the training of more nurses for being posted to hospitals.

Medicines out of stock and Substitutes.

15. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician has issued circulars to the effect that chits containing the names

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Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 12.**

List of Medical Officers who prescribed medicines in the Out-patient Department of the General Hospital during 1096, 1097 and 1098 when Dr. K. Raman Tampi was in charge and present arrangements.

Year.	Name.	Qualification.	Service, years.	Name.	Qualification.	Service, years.
	MALE SIDE.			FEMALE SIDE.		
1096	Dr. A. T. Thomas ...	L. M. & S.	25	Dr. K. Kesava Pillai ...	M. B., B. S.	6
,,	,, A. A. Moreira ...	Do.	25	Miss I. Gomez ...	Do.	Volun.
,,	,, K. Kesava Pillai ...	M. B., B. S.	6	Dr. M Koshi ...	L. M. & S.	2
1097	,, John Hilkiah ...	M. B., C. M.	9	,, K. Kesava Pillai ..	M. B., B. S.	6
,,	,, A. A. Moreira ...	L. M. & S.	25	,, C. T. Kuruvila ...	L. M. & S.	1
,,	,, K. Kuruvila ...	Do.	11	,, A. M. Matthew ...	B. A., M. B. C. M.	13
,,	,, Damodaran Pillai ...	L. M. P.	3	,, M. Koshi ...	L. M. & S.	2
1098 (First half)	,, S. Sivatanu Pillai ...	,, M. B. B. S.	5	,, K. Kesava Pillai ...	M. B., B. S.	6
,,	,, K. Kesava Pillai ...	Do.	6	,, K. Raman Tampi ...	B. A., M. D.	15
,,	,, K. Raman Tampi ...	B. A., M. D.	15	,, One volunteer ...	M. B., B. S.	
,,	One volunteer ...	M. B. B. S.		Do.		
	One Sub-Assistant Surgeon volunteer ...			One Sub-Assistant Surgeon volunteer ...		
1098 (Second half)	Dr. S. T. Ponnuswami Pillai...	L. M. & S.	25			
,,	,, S. Sivatanu Pillai ...	M. B. B. S.	6	,, K. Kesava Pillai ..	M. B., B. S.	6
,,	,, K. P. Raman Pillai ...	M. B., F. R. C. S. (Edin.) for Ear, Nose and Throat Departments (assisted by Sub-Assistant Surgeons and graduate volunteers when scarcity of hands requires such help.)	9	,, S. John ...	L. M & S.	6

The turns in the male and female sides are taken according to requirements and convenience.